

## CURRENT GOSSIP AND NEWS FROM LONDON AND BERLIN

Society North of the Tweed  
Enjoying the Moors Even if  
Birds and Stags Are Scarce

Balls and Dinners Are a-Plenty, However, and in the Social Gatherings One of the Principal Topics Is Good Marksmanship of the King and His Sons in Big Forests.

## ROYAL WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETE

(Special Dispatch.)  
LONDON, Sept. 27.

SOCIAL activity has centred north of the Tweed in the last week, and will until at least the end of this month. What is termed the Scottish Ascent occurred at Ayr in ideal weather, the blazing sun coming as a welcome surprise after the recent experiences this year. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Royal Caledonian Hunt, and many present were hunting coats of pink and tall hats. The women's dresses made a bright spectacle.

On Plate day Lord Ailsa brought a party from Culzean Castle, and Lord Lonsdale and Lord and Lady Hamilton of Dalziel had their friends there. Lady Dute wore an elaborate dress of white lace over white, with a white plumed hat. Lady Kilmaison, who was with her father, the Marquis of Ailsa, wore a tweed coat and skirt. Lady Alfred Browne wore black broche and a black hat, with feathers. Lady Noreen Bass was attired in dull purple colored cloth. Lady Hunter wore dark blue serge and her daughter, gray tweed. With General Sir Archibald Hunter was Priscilla Countess Annesley, in dark blue.

Next week there will be the Perth Hunt ball and races, for which Lord and Lady Mansfield, Lord and Lady Tullibardine, Lord and Lady Strathmore, Lord and Lady Sempill and Lord and Lady Kinross have large parties.

The King and his guests are having indifferent sport at Deeside, more particularly among the feathers. The birds are shy and not overabundant, but better results have been obtained in the deer drives, though the sport in the forests also is not as satisfactory as usual.

It is reported that Prince Albert has proved himself a better shot than the Prince of Wales and is promising to become as expert as his royal father.

The King's last grouse drive for the season occurred at Gallaig, when 140 birds were killed by the seven guns, though the birds were very wild, having been much disturbed by the eagles.

The weather is very unfavorable to deer stalking and the stags are disposed to run in herds. The King proved his wonderful marksmanship one morning by bringing down three stags in a few minutes.

On another morning the King and Prince Albert had three each in Aberfeldie forest.

Besides the outdoor occupations the King and Queen have done much quiet entertaining. Luncheon is one of the pleasantest meals, either on the moors or indoors when the weather is too bad. The ladies join the sportsmen and dinner time always sees new friends.

All have remarked on the good health of the King and the genial and gracious manner of the Queen. There is no stiffness these days in the royal circle, though the Queen draws a severe line at the over-bohemian modes of amusement of certain sections of modern society.

Close by Balmoral is the magnificent deer forest of Glenfiddich and the neighboring moors of Blackwater, providing good sport for the guests of the Duke of Richmond. The aged Duke still enjoys excellent health and is able to join the guns on most days. Around him are gathered many of his children, for Lord and Lady March are at Blackwater Lodge, and Sir John and Lady Evelyn Cotterell, Lord and Lady Bernard Gordon-Lennox, Mr. and Lady Violet Bras-

sey, Lady Caroline Gordon-Lennox and several other members of the family have been with the D's.

Mr. Alexander Shaw, only son of Lord and Lady Shaw, and his bride, the eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Inchcape, who were married in July, met with a joyful reception from the country people on their arrival at their home, Craig Myrie House, Aberdeenshire, after wandering up and down 2,000 miles of country in an automobile, never entering a railway train.

Prince Arthur of Connaught has gone on his last spell of duty with his regiment, the Scots Greys, at York, before his marriage.

The Queen and the Princess Royal have thoroughly gone over the final arrangements, which have been the one subject of uppermost interest when the royal family has met. It has been settled after discussion that the ceremony will be at midday. The Duchess of Fife has decided to wear her mother's wedding veil in preference to any more valuable or beautiful in Queen Alexandra's collection. This square of Point d'Angleterre, although a fine specimen, is not nearly so elaborate or closely patterned as the lace bridal veils preferred to-day. Moreover, it was chosen as the veil worn by the Queen of Norway as a bride, and although on that occasion the gossamer-like fabric met with disaster in catching on the bridegroom's spur, the rent has been expertly repaired.

The orange flowers for the Duchess are being grown at Sandringham, where the hot-houses contain many orange trees. Queen Mary's predilection for pale blue has caused the Duchess of Fife to choose satin of that becoming shade for her five bridesmaids.

Princess Mary will be seen for the first time in a longer skirt than usual, with blue satin shoes and silk stockings. It is decided to abandon hats in favor of flower wreaths, possibly supplemented with draped tulle veils. It is expected that Prince Olaf and Prince John also will wear blue satin.

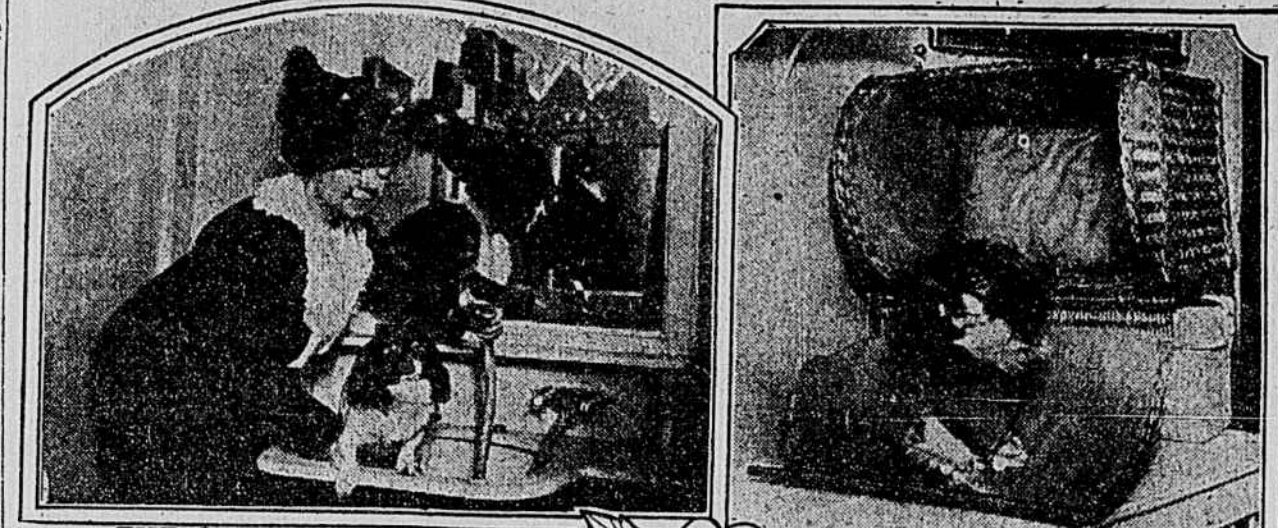
The boy princes will be followed by Princess Maud, the bride's sister, walking alone, Princess Mary and her cousin, Princess Mary of Teck coming next in the bridal procession, which will be completed by the tall, graceful figures of Princess Patricia and Lady Mary Cecil, who are of equal height.

The bridegroom will wear the full dress uniform of his regiment, the band of which will play in the courtyard before and after the ceremony.

The ladies will wear semi-toilette day dress, cut low at the neck and with short sleeves. That no trains will be worn has gratified every one. Feathers will be the general headgear.

Ordinary court dress or uniform will be worn by the men.

The vacation of the Royal Governorship of Canada, unexpectedly prolonged on account of the grave illness of the Duchess of Connaught and again by the marriage of their only son, terminates on October 17, two days after the wedding, and the Duke hopes to be back in Canada about October 24; but it is quite an open secret that the health of the Duchess is still causing anxiety, especially to the Duke, who is very much devoted to his wife. The Duchess has made up her mind to go with the Duke at all costs, so there is a possibility that the Duke may have to abandon his journey. So far nobody knows quite what is going to happen.

New Dogs' Club in Bond Street Is an Exclusive Circle  
Rigidly Reserved for Aristocrats of Canine World

THE ORDER OF THE BATH.  
FROM THE EUROPEAN EDITION  
OF THE HERALD.

Dining and Tea Rooms, Baths,  
Kitchen with Parisian Dog Chef  
Figure in Establishment.

(Special Dispatch.)

LONDON, Sept. 27.  
A DOGS' club has just been opened in Bond street, behind whose plate glass windows aristocrats of the canine world look out with languid glances upon the princes and statesmen, poets, scholars and other mere men and women.

The window seats of the canine club are painted white and upholstered in blue, while electric chandeliers radiate soft light from overhead. In the rear are dining and tea rooms and a shower bath with hot and cold water. In the basement there is a gymnasium, where the club members can go for exercise when they are tired of watching the human chaff of Bond street from their armchairs by the front window.

There is also a dog kitchen, with a Parisian dog chef in charge of the cuisine.

There is everything, in fact, that one would expect to find in his own club, except that there is no gossip and no bar. Dogs must draw the line somewhere.

Exclusive Organization.

Membership in the club is limited rigidly to dogs from the best families and of good financial standing. The chairman of the House Committee just now is a son of Champion Chu-Erh of Alderbourne. He is said to be worth \$500, which is enough in the dog world.

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WHEN a young man—an eminently respectable looking young man—has seen suddenly to pause on his way when passing a statue to confront the effigy and reverently doff his hat, accompanying the movement with a sweeping bow, it is not at all necessary for one, as some nervous folks have been observed to do, to make a wide semi-circular sweep round him, keeping umbrella or cane the while "on guard."

It is simply the sign and symbol of membership of a new society in London, modestly called the Courtesy League.

To be truly courteous in this age of hustling, of unusual impatience, is the aim that has inspired the entire programme of the Courtesy League, as explained by Mr. Raymond Arthur Prince Pierpont, its honorary secretary.

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One milliner had no doubt that the new season would see ospreys worn more than ever and real ospreys inserted whenever the purse could afford it. The bird of paradise, she said, already threatened with extinction, would suffer more than any other; paradise plumes are to be the thing. Other milliners said it was too early in the season of prophecy, but they all agreed that just now French watering places are bristling with ospreys, usually worn in pairs, and that few women, even if they weighed the matter, could resist the temptation to wear real ospreys.



FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

to gain one entrance into the most exclusive circles of Mayfair or Belgrave. By common consent the son of Champion Chu-Erh is allowed the centre armchair at the front windows and is said to be one of the best posted observers in London on the subject of all skirts and feminine ankles.

The dogs' club is the idea of Mrs. J. Lesmoir-Gordon, who five years ago started a dog bureau north of Oxford Circus. The establishment met with such success that Mrs. Gordon has now opened a new place for the most aristocratic of her charges, and in doing so has picked out the best neighborhood she could find and fitted out her dogs' club in accordance with its surroundings.

"I took the idea up more to have something to do than anything else," said Mrs. Gordon, who is well known in social circles and who is an expert in dogs and a frequent judge at shows. "When a woman has brains she has to do something with them. She must either have an occupation or get into mischief. I thought I had a few brains and I loved dogs, so I decided to take up this work."

Mrs. Gordon now buys and sells dogs for Americans and Parisians as well as for English people. Mrs. J. Ouden Armour, Mr. and Mrs. R. Livingston Beekman and the Du Ponts, of Delaware, are among her American friends. Others for whom she has handled dogs include the Duchess of Teck, Mary Duchess of Hamilton, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Count De Fries, Lady Lillian Wemyss, Lady Sarah Wilson and Mrs. Ashton-Croft.

The place in Bond street contains not only dogs, but tailor made coats, sweaters and collars in the latest canine styles. Some of the coats even contain pockets with handkerchiefs in the breast.

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LONDON, Sept. 27.  
CANON NEWBOLT has just completed his holiday series of "straight talks to the people" in St. Paul's Cathedral, knowing that during the holiday season people have more time for reflection than at other times of the year. He has spoken very directly on some of the evils of the day as he has seen them.

"There is," he says, "a general laxity of manners, of decency and of propriety. Books are sometimes gravely reprehensible. The modern town life has been breaking down for many years. It is not necessary that there should be a great religious upheaval. If people will only return to the ordinary old-fashioned laws of conduct and demeanor, things will come right again."

Some of the more pointed of the Canon's utterances were:—"You can only pass through life in London with the most stringent reservations."

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New Hotels Opening in  
London Aim at Luxury

Development Goes Hand in Hand with Betterment of Travelling Facilities and Immense Amounts Are Being Expended in the Erection of New Buildings.

## LARGE SUM SPENT ON ARTISTIC SURROUNDINGS

(Special Dispatch.)  
LONDON, Sept. 27.

LONDON is being transformed in no sphere more markedly than in its hotels. Within the last few months a number of well known hostleries have disappeared, and several ambitious schemes have been proposed to replace them. Among hotels that have recently closed their doors are the Gaiety Hotel and Restaurant, the Inns of Court Hotel, the Capitol, in lower Regent street, while the Old Ship, at Greenwich, the Star and Garter, at Richmond, the Tollard, in Eagle street, the Albion, in Aldergate street, and the Bedford Hotel, Covent Garden, also have been closed within the last year or two. The Salisbury Hotel, off Fleet street, is to be changed into an International Roman Catholic Club, but it will still give hotel accommodation to its members, together with an oratory as part of its equipment.

But the closing of old hotels is interesting not less for the sequel—the opening of new. Architectural splendors and modern luxuries are nowadays aimed at everywhere. The development of the hotel has gone hand in hand with the development of travelling facilities. Hotels de luxe are now to be found in every direction within reach of a 25 or 50 cent fare from Charing Cross, which is the hub of the hotel world in London. During the last ten years it has been computed that a sum of no less than \$50,000,000 has been expended on hotel building in London.

Apparently it is generally accepted among hotel proprietors and shareholders that the building business is not being overdone, although statistics might be given to show that the great companies do not pay as they ought to pay.

"Luxury and more luxury is what is wanted," said the managing director of one large West End hotel, "and with the enormously greater number of people who live the hotel life this luxury can be provided at very little greater cost than when people were more modest in their wants."

The biggest hotel in the world, as was announced in the *Herald* a few months ago, will be erected at a cost of \$5,000,000 on the site of St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, which has been purchased for the purpose. Mr. Mallaby Deeley, M. P., who was the buyer of the site, said that this new hotel would be "in every way worthy of the greatest city known to civilization."

Berlin Regrets  
to Lose Him

Promotion of American Consul General Thackara Means a Society Loss.

(Special Dispatch.)

BERLIN, Sept. 27.

M. A. M. THACKARA, the American Consul General, has been deluged with congratulatory telegrams and letters from both sides of the Atlantic since the news of his promotion to the American Consulate General in Paris has become known. The German press has taken a conspicuous notice of the impending change with genuine regret that Berlin is to lose so efficient and popular an official. The loss falls particularly heavy upon the large resident and transient colony of Americans, as owing to the fact that members of the American Embassy are necessarily engrossed in fulfilling their official and social duties in German court circles, the American Consul General and his family always have been expected to create a distinctively American social centre.

In the case of Mr. and Mrs. Thackara these expectations have been fulfilled more than adequately, and for eight years they have kept open house for their compatriots.

Mrs. Thackara has been indefatigable in matters pertaining to the welfare of Americans in the Prussian capital, and by her efforts the American woman's club, organized in 1894, has moved into a permanent home, and is now a self-supporting organization.

Much conjecture already is being expended upon Mr. Thackara's successor, and it is generally supposed that should the choice be confined to the men already in the consular service it would fall upon the American Consul General in Hamburg, Mr. Robert F. Skinner.

The outstanding event of the week in American circles was the dinner given in the Beethoven Hall of the Hotel Adlon by Mrs. Putnam Griswold and Mrs. Julia Huttmacher, both of whom have been prominent members of the resident colony here for many years, and are now in Berlin for a short stop. It was the first of a long series of entertainments which will be given for Mrs. Thackara prior to her removal to Paris.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Gherardi entertained at dinner for Miss Kitty Chatham, who was greeted by many well known persons when she introduced herself to the Berlin public this week in a programme of Southern negro melodies and children's songs. Miss Chatham has now left for Dresden and Munich.

Great impetus will be given to the cause of golf in Berlin by the fact that Prince Henry of Prussia, who is honorary president of the Berlin Golf Club, has been interesting himself actively in the acquisition of a tract of government land near Wannsee for a new course. The lease for this has now been signed and work already has commenced under the supervision of a professional. If it is found that the trees can be removed in time to permit seeding this autumn the Berlin Golf Club may look forward to playing on the new links by the spring of 1915.

It is like the stores and everything else—co-operative."

To meet the modern demand for artistic surroundings in the best hotels immense sums have been expended. In the frontage alone of one \$5,000,000 was spent a few years ago and \$150,000 on a new ballroom. About \$400,000 was spent on the new winter gardens and palm courts at the Hotel Cecil, the spacious and beautifully decorated "Cecil Beach," as it has been called, which is sumptuously furnished in blue and gold and forms a charming approach to what is considered one of the finest hotel buildings in the world.

The newer hotels that have come into the fashionable life of London include the Ritz, famous for its luxury, and the Piccadilly Hotel, built at a cost of \$2,500,000. The Strand Palace Hotel, with its no tipping régime, has a piquant interest among the latest hotel enterprises, and the proprietors have two others at present under way to be run on the same lines. One is in course of erection at Piccadilly Circus with frontages in Regent street and Shaftesbury avenue. Containing 1,000 bedrooms, it is being built at a cost of more than \$5,000,000 and will be opened in 1914.

The other huge hotel of the no-tip variety, to be called the "Palatial," is shortly to be built at Baker street station. Another which is being erected, on the site of the historic Princess Theatre in Oxford street, will soon be complete. It will cost about \$2,000,000, and will also contain 1,000 bedrooms. An offer of \$40,000 a year has just been accepted by the London County Council as the rental on a ninety-nine years lease of a site in Aldwych Crescent, on which a hotel will be built.

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Need of School  
of Journalism

British Institute to Urge the Advancement of University Course on the Subject.

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THE thoroughness with which journalism and short story writing are taught in America, as illustrated in the arrangements for the season of 1913-14 of the department of journalism in New York University, has attracted the attention of the Institute of Journalists of Great Britain and Ireland, for the need for a university course in journalism has long been urged in London. The Institute of Journalists has considered the matter frequently.

Mr. Herbert Cornish, who has been secretary of the institute for thirty years, being asked what he thought of the New York University arrangements, said:—"The whole question of the education and appointment of journalists is a most difficult one. A journalist requires breadth rather than depth. He must be conversant with a very large number of subjects, and if he is to be so he will not have time to learn all there is to be known about any one of them. It is not easy to formulate a school or college course to meet his requirements. Cork University has a course for intending journalists leading up to a diploma, but elsewhere little is done in the British Isles. Of course, we have a joint committee of representatives of the institute and the London University for the purpose of arranging lectures."

"When I first entered journalism a young man was generally articled to the editor of a country journal. That is still done, but young men have an increasing difficulty in finding openings. The conductors of London and provincial dailies have no time to teach untrained men. That is why we want a course of journalism at a London school or university. Young men would enter at about the age of eighteen and stop for two years. During that time we could provide the link between a good school or university education and practical journalism. Students would be able to enter a newspaper office at the end of the course as useful members of the staff."

"The only thing which stands in the way of the scheme here is lack of funds."

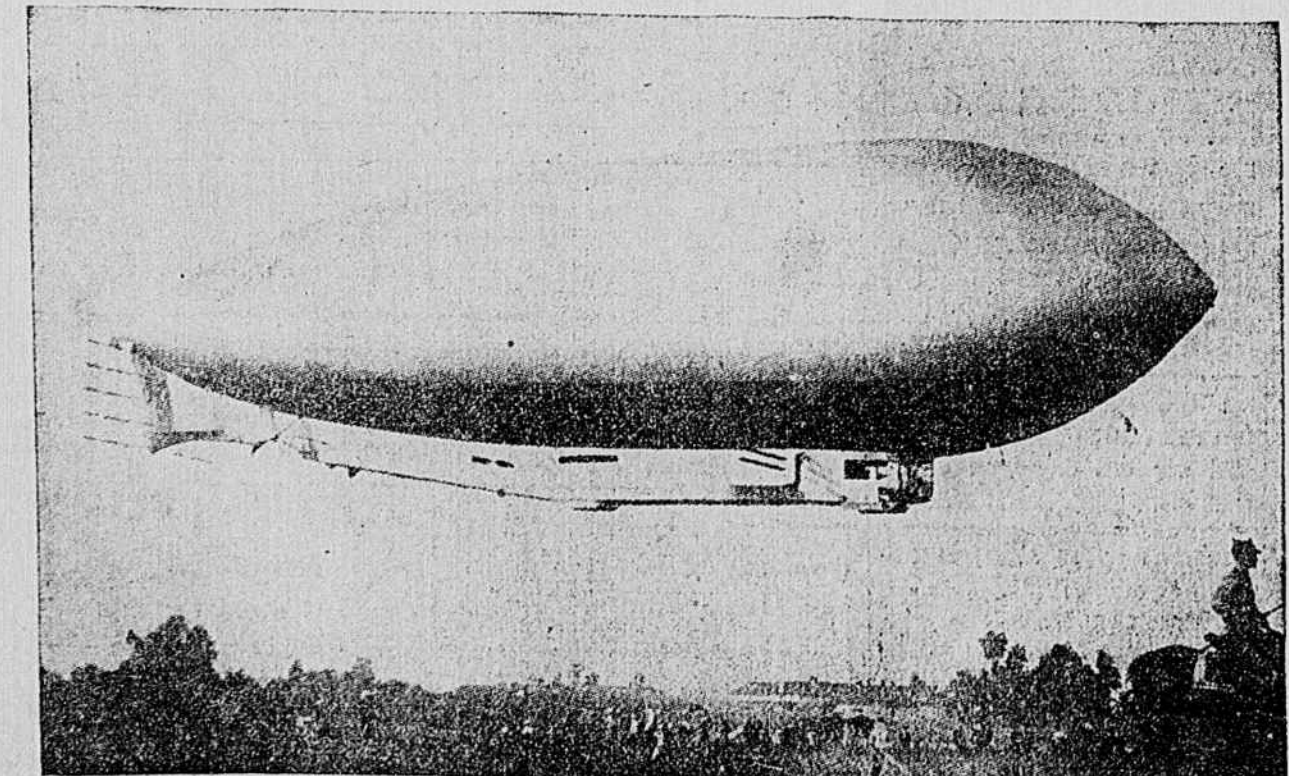
KAISER'S DAUGHTER  
GOING TO LONDON

(Special Dispatch.)

LONDON, Sept. 27.

AMONG the more interesting of several royal guests who are coming to London for the marriage of the Duchess of Fife and Prince Arthur of Connaught will be Princess Ernest of Brunswick-Lüneburg. The latter is still remembered as the only daughter of the German Emperor. They will stop with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace for the ceremony, and there also Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia are likewise to be accommodated, the famous Belgian suite of apartments being placed at the disposal of the latter.

## THE NEW ITALIAN DIRIGIBLE



Captain Murray Sueter, director of the Air Department of the British Navy, and Engineer-Lieutenant Aldwell have been attending on behalf of the British Admiralty a series of trial flights made near the new "Forlanini" airship. The vessel has a gas capacity of 400,000 cubic feet, and combines many of the advantages of the rigid and non-rigid types. The flights were of three hours' duration each, and they are stated to have been very successful. The envelope is of the fish shaped pattern. A strong steel girder runs its whole length and, with the cabins and engine room, which are grafted on to it, forms the keel of the vessel. The car, which is completely enclosed and has windows, is divided into fourteen compartments. Looked at from a distance, the cabins appear to be part of the gasbag.